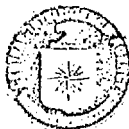


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NOTE FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Recent Press Accounts on the [redacted] program

The attached paper from Les Dirks outlines five options available as courses of action in response to recent press accounts concerning the [redacted]. The paper recommends adoption of two of the options.

I have already asked the DDA to prepare a letter in conjunction with OGC and OLC for your signature which will raise this problem with our committees. The letter will explain the damage that is being done by former employees and others who have signed secrecy agreements and will point out the lack of adequate statutory protection and remedies. OGC will attempt to obtain DOJ support for our views, which we would, of course, pass on to our committees.

I think the recent revelations by former employees provide a good opportunity to share with Congress the responsibility for protection of our secrets. I do not favor any of the options in the attached paper because it appears they will be either ineffective or potentially damaging.

[redacted]
E. H. Knoche

Attachment:

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